



# STALBRIDGE LIBRARY

## NEWSLETTER



No 3

# The BOOK WORM!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SAY  
THANK YOU....

I expect we all feel that Christmas is long past, decorations down and Easter eggs are now the in the shops! However this is the first issue of Bookworm in 2024 and the library committee would like to thank the children of Stalbridge Primary School for helping us decorate the library over the festive period.



We always love to see children in the library, and there is a super collection of books, from baby and toddler board books, through to novels for teenagers.

Gone are the days when being in the library meant absolutely silence. Today youngsters are encouraged to chat about the books and read aloud if they wish. We also have a small collection of toys, puzzles and soft toys for amusement.



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# COULD YOU BE A VOLUNTEER?

Last November, with more volunteers we were able to reopen the library on Monday afternoons, and this has been appreciated by the people in the town. We would now like to open every Friday, either morning or afternoon, but that will require us to have four more volunteers! We ask those who join the team to be able to cover one session every fortnight. If you require time off for holidays, others are happy to cover for you.

This is a rewarding undertaking if you can spare a few hours, and it is a pleasure meeting local people, or having a chat with some who are often alone. Full training will be given.

Volunteers  
needed



**Are you free on a Friday for a few hours?  
Would you like to know more?**

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your books online? It is very easy!  
Just search Dorset Library on the web**







# MRS BEETON & MRS MARSHALL

## A TALE OF TWO VICTORIAN COOKS

BY EMMA KAY



*Susan Wilson who regularly comes into the Library has been asked to give us a review of a new book which she has proof read and then donated to the Library.*

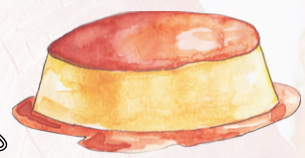
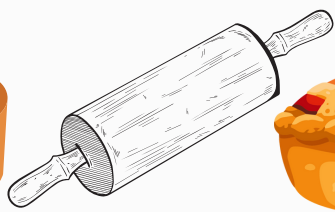
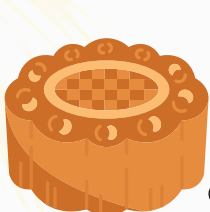
Cooking is a hobby of mine, which started as a child, learning to cook using the copy of 'Mrs. Beeton's Book of Household Management', given to my Mother on her marriage in 1955. It promises 'a tale of two cooks', and I thought it would tell a story of rivalry between the two ladies, both famous for developing and transforming home cooking in the Victorian era.

It turned out to be two separate life stories, starting with Mrs. Marshall. I learned a lot about her, even more about her relatives and their life stories, and finally about her cooking school, well-attended cookery demonstrations, massive retailing empire and transformational recipes.

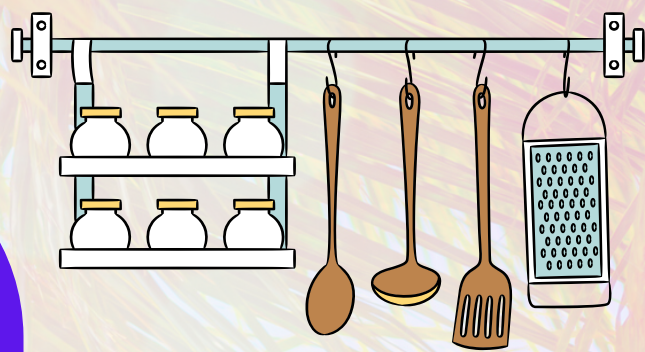
The section on Mrs Beeton followed a similar pattern – less about cooking and more about her marriage, her husband and his feud with her family, her descendants and her publishing career (which was more about fashion and general 'womens' interests' than cooking).

Sadly, a potentially interesting topic, backed up by some excellent contemporary photographs, and information about the author's collection of kitchenalia, is spoiled for me by the writing style. I found the book easy to put down for any distraction possible, rather than a compelling tale. The author is a well-respected academic with many publications to her name; I found the book less of a 'tale' than a 'list of stuff that may or may not be related'. Others may think differently, and I'd rather have read it than not, but I didn't enjoy it as much as I'd have expected.

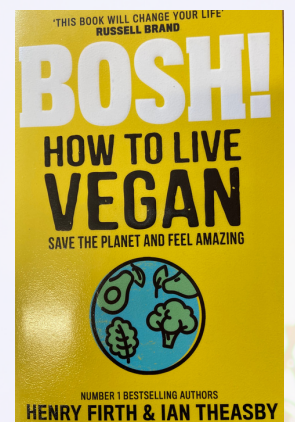
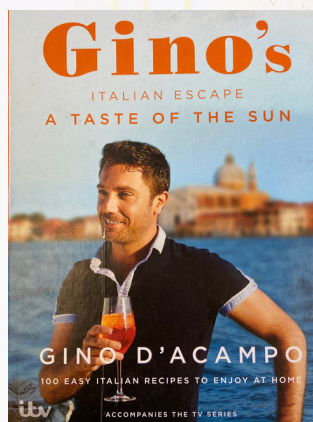
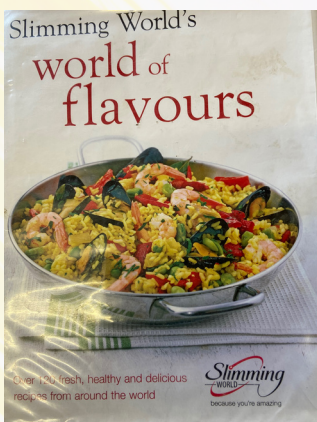
One must credit the research and knowledge of the author, and her superb tribute to Anthony Haynes, known as Tony, who collected memorabilia related to these two ladies as well as a vast range of old cookery books from the seventeenth century onwards.







**Did you make any New Year resolutions to try some new recipes or eat less calorific food? There are cookery books in the library that can be borrowed, or if you are a member, you can order online any book you would like and have the details of.**



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